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RE: The Inner Harbor Bay Trail Link: Bottles, Bridges, and Berths  
Closing the Fruitvale Avenue to High Street Bridge Gap

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Sincerely,

Sandré R. Swanson  
Assemblymember, 16<sup>th</sup> District

cc: Sedrick Mitchell, Deputy Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, State of California  
Natalie Bee, Office of Grants and Local Services, Department of Parks and Recreation, State of California



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September 22, 2008

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RE: City of Oakland 2008-09 State Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Application

**The Inner Harbor Bay Trail Link: Bottles, Bridges, and Berths  
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I am writing in support of the City of Oakland's 2008-09 State RTP application for funds to close a significant gap in the Oakland Bay Trail. The proposed project will build a missing 540 foot gap in the Bay Trail between the Fruitvale and High Street Bridges. Once this gap is closed, it will be easy to walk and bicycle to two nearby parks, the 741-acre Martin Luther King Junior Shoreline Park at the southern edge of our city, and the 7-acre Union Point Park to the north.

As the Councilmember representing District 5, I am well aware of the difficulties and associated costs in building the Bay Trail along the industrial waterfront in my district. I am equally confident that when the Bay Trail is completed along the entire waterfront, it will provide residents in my district, as well as residents throughout Oakland and the region, a premier recreational facility.

Many Oakland students, adults and seniors do not have access to opportunities for recreation and physical exercise. My district has one of the lowest per capita acres of green space that could attract nearby residents. Persons with disabilities are hard pressed to find easy access to trails or other opportunities to experience the out-of-doors. In addition, working parents often do not have discretionary time or money to enroll their children in afterschool or weekend sports activities. For these reasons, providing safe, off-street bicycling and walking facilities for recreation, stress reduction, and exercise is of critical importance in Oakland.

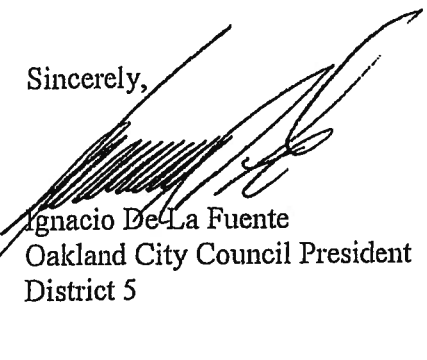
The completion of this last Bay Trail gap between the Fruitvale and High Street Bridges creates a usable segment that can be readily enjoyed by residents living near this project. Already constructed bike lanes on Fruitvale provide

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easy access from the high density Fruitvale Transit Village located within a few blocks of the project area. The proximity of the Fruitvale BART Station, located within the transit station, as well as other local and regional transit services, will attract users from throughout the Bay Area.

I heartily endorse this project and the many benefits that it will provide for all our residents.

Sincerely,



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September 30, 2008

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**RE: Letter of Support for Application of "Inner Harbor Bay Trail Link:  
Bottles, Bridges, and Berths - Closing the Fruitvale Avenue to High  
Street Bridge Gap" Project to the Recreational Trails Program**

Dear Ms. Tannenwald:

The Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority strongly supports the City of Oakland's 2008-09 Recreational Trails Program application for funds to close a significant gap in the Oakland Waterfront Bay Trail. The proposed project will add another 540 linear feet trail section, to complete a continuous bicycling and walking facility between the Fruitvale and High Street Bridges. Of itself, and as an enhancement and extension of the Bay Trail, this project will offer many local and regional benefits. It will construct a usable walking, bicycling and ADA-accessible trail section; provide a venue for active living; and attract residents and visitors from throughout the Bay Area to Oakland.

The Bay Trail, when completed, will help us address regional air quality and quality of life issues in the East Bay. It will provide a walking and bicycling route along flat terrain adjacent to high density housing. It will take advantage of local and regional transit services to reduce the impact of automobile use to access recreation, open space, and jobs. Providing better multimodal transportation option to reduce dependency on automobile driving is a major countywide and regional transportation goal.

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Inner Harbor Bay Trail Link Project

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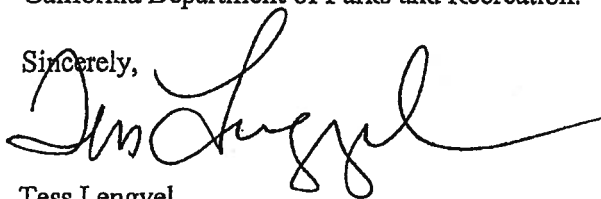
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This project, as part of the completion of the Bay Trail, is identified as a priority project in the *Alameda Countywide Strategic Pedestrian Plan*. The project will also complement the on-street bikeway identified in the *Alameda Countywide Bicycle Plan*.

The Inner Harbor Bay Trail Link project will provide a valuable recreational, transportation, cultural and historic asset to the people of Alameda County and the Bay Area. ACTIA supports this project and recommends positive consideration by the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

Sincerely,



Tess Lengyel  
Programs and Public Affairs Manager

Cc: Sedrick Mitchell, Deputy Director, Department of Parks and Recreation,  
State of California  
Natalie Bee, Office of Grants and Local Services, Department of Parks  
and Recreation, State of California  
Rochelle Wheeler, ACTIA's Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator  
Diane Stark, Alameda County Congestion Management Agency

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Joanna Lennon', written in dark ink.

Joanna Lennon  
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Sedrick Mitchell, Deputy Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, State of California  
Natalie Bee, Office of Grants and Local Services, Department of Parks and Recreation, State of California



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Sincerely,

Marsha G. Murrington  
Executive Vice President

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Lowell Landowski, Department of Parks and Recreation